

## REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, and 4-14 are pending in this application. Claims 9-14 has been added.

Applicant respectfully submits that the above amendments are fully supported by the original disclosure. Support for the amendments to claims 1 and 8 and the subject matter of new claims 9 to 14 is found in the original disclosure at page 2, lines 15-18, page 3, lines 6-8, page 6, lines 6-14, and Figures 1-8. Conforming amendments have been presented for the specification. Applicant respectfully requests approval and entry of the above amendments to the specification and claims.

Claims 1-3, 7, and 8 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,768,967 to Sasaki et al. Claims 4-6 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sasaki in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,265,154 to Batson.

Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections.

Claims 1 and 8 are both directed to a sliding miter saw featuring a base, a turntable pivotally connected to the base, and a ram slidably received in a guiding groove of the turntable. As clarified by the above amendments to claims 1 and 8, the ram has an elongate slot for receiving the saw blade when the saw unit is moved to the non-elevated working position. The elongate slot moves synchronously with the saw unit. As further defined in claims 11 and 14, the synchronous movement is a forward and rearward movement.

The Examiner asserts that Sasaki discloses a ram 23 and an elongate slot. Although the Examiner does not identify the reference numeral of Sasaki which corresponds to the elongate slot, it is presumed from the Examiner's reference to Fig. 5 of Sasaki that the intended corresponding reference numeral is 35.

Unlike the claimed invention, the elongate slot 35 of Sasaki is not formed in the alleged ram, i.e., slide bars 23. The elongate slot 35 is formed in plates 33 and 34 mounted on turntable 21. Additionally, the turntable 21, and hence slot 35, do not move synchronously

with the saw unit. Rather, in Sasaki the turntable 21 is movable relative to slide bars 23, i.e., the alleged ram. See column 2, lines 7-9.

Batson, which has been cited by the Examiner for its alleged disclosures of supporting members, an elastic member, and a guiding channel, does not overcome the deficiencies of Sasaki.

For these reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejection of claims 1 and 8 is misplaced. Applicant respectfully submits that claims 2, 4-7, and 9-14 incorporate the distinguishing features of claims 1 and 8 by virtue of their dependency therefrom. For this reason, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejections of claims 2, 4-7, and 9-14 are also misplaced.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the Section 102(b) and 103(a) rejections.

If, after reviewing the above, the Examiner believes any issues remain unresolved, the favor of an Examiner interview is requested and the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned, by telephone, to schedule same.

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